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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT'S REMARKS TO FRENCH DEPUTIES  
ON WEC

1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE STAFFER GAVE  
EMBOFFS FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS OF JOBERT'S FEBRUARY 21 TESTIMONY  
TO COMMITTEE RE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE (SOURCE WAS  
PRESENT).

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2. MAIN THEME OF JOBERT'S TESTIMONY WAS "SERVILITY" THE OTHER

EIGHT EC PARTNERS SHOWED TO THE AMERICANS TO THE POINT THAT HE (JOBERT) WAS "DISGUSTED".

3. AT ONE POINT, JOBERT SAID THAT NEXT TIME HE SEES THE OTHER EUROPEANS (ENGLISH OR GERMANS) HE WILL GREET THEM AS TRAITORS (BONJOUR LES TRAITRES\*)

4. AN INCIDENT WAS NARROWLY AVOIDED DURING THE TESTIMONY BECAUSE OF JOBERT'S INSISTANCE ON INTERRUPTING CENTRIST LEADER LECANUET WHILE HE WAS CRITICIZING JOBERT'S PERFORMANCE IN WASHINGTON AS UNDERMINING EUROPEAN UNITY. LECANUET TURNED TO THE CHAIRMAN AND THREATENED TO LEAVE THE ROOM IF JOBERT DID NOT STOP INTERRUPTING HIM.

5. JOBERT RESERVED HIS SHARPEST COMMENTS FOR HELMUT SCHMIDT, GERMAN FINANCE MINISTER. JOBERT READ IN THIS CONNECTION A TELEGRAM FROM THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN BONN IN WHICH THE ASSESSMENT WAS GIVEN THAT SCHMIDT IS ON HIS WAY UP IN GERMAN POLITICS AND IS ALREADY BEING TALKED ABOUT AS A SUCCESSOR TO BRANDT, WHO WAS REPORTED TO BE "TIRED AND SLIPPING".

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IT WAS A "CLOSED DOOR" MEETING OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, THERE WERE SOME 40 DEPUTIES OF ALL POLITICAL TENDENCIES PRESENT, AND JOBERT MUST HAVE KNOWN THAT HIS REMARKS WOULD FIND THEIR WAY INTO THE MEDIA. WE FIND HIS BLUNTNESS AND CRITICAL TONE OF HIS COMMENTS VIS-A-VIS EC PARTNERS SURPRISING IN VIEW OF OTHER INDICATIONS THAT GOF WISHES TO DOWNPLAY DISUNITY IN WASHINGTON AND BEGIN REBUILDING SEMBLANCE OF COMMUNITY UNITY. MUCH OF THE GIST OF JOBERT'S MEETING WITH COMMITTEE IS ALREADY IN THE PRESS. QUAI FIRST ISSUED A DISCLAIMER ON THE "HELLO TRAITORS" REMARK, BUT LATER ADMITTED THAT WHAT JOBERT ACTUALLY SAID WAS "WHEN I NEXT SEE MY BRITISH AND GERMAN COLLEAGUES, I AM GOING TO SAY, WITH A SMILE OF COURSE, HELLO TRAITORS."IRWIN

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